

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn of the sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream ~~thereof~~ of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, means for ~~pre-wetting~~ wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor including a wetting liquor supply disposed below said second roller, ~~a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap~~, said second roller disposed for dipping into said wetting liquor supply for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said pre-wetting wetting liquor supply, said second and a third roller of said three rollers ~~forms said~~ forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as ~~the~~ a draw-in unit, as a wetting ~~pre-wetting~~ means and as ~~the~~ a wetting agent squeezer.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said ~~three~~ rollers dam up a ~~first~~ wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, ~~and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply~~, and the path of the yarn sheet ~~after the first~~ is through the wetting agent supply above the first squeezing gap, ~~leads through said first~~ squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said ~~second~~ wetting agent supply below said second roller and through said second squeezing gap.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~The device in accordance with claim 4, wherein~~ A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as the wetting means and as the wetting agent squeezer, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment

being minimized because of its compact structure, said free segment is being protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) ~~The device in accordance with claim 2, wherein~~ A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said rollers dam up a first wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 7, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn of the sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream thereof of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, means for ~~pre-wetting~~ wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor including a wetting liquor supply disposed below said second roller, ~~a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap~~, said second roller disposed for dipping into said wetting liquor supply for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said ~~pre-wetting~~ wetting liquor supply, said second and a third ~~roller~~ of said three rollers ~~forms said~~ forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as ~~the~~ a draw-in unit, as a ~~wetting pre-wetting~~ means and as ~~the~~ a wetting agent squeezer.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said ~~three~~ rollers dam up a ~~first~~ wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, ~~and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply~~, and the path of the yarn sheet ~~after the first~~ is through the wetting agent supply above the first squeezing gap, ~~leads~~ through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said ~~second~~ wetting agent supply below said second roller and through said second squeezing gap.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) ~~The device in accordance with claim 12, wherein~~ A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other, the yarn sheet being conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit

and said first roller of the sizing compartment being minimized because of its compact structure, said free segment is being protected against heat loss by means of a cover.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) ~~The device in accordance with claim 10, wherein~~ A device for sizing a yarn sheet being moved in a conveying direction, comprising at least one sizing compartment for contacting the yarn sheet with sizing liquor, a draw-in unit comprising a set of rollers consisting essentially of three rollers connected upstream of the sizing compartment, and a squeezer for the sizing connected downstream of said sizing compartment, said draw-in unit including means for wetting the yarn in the sheet with a liquor which is at least diluted with water prior to its contact with the sizing liquor, a first and a second of said three rollers forming a first squeezing gap, said second roller disposed for travel of said yarn sheet there-around through said wetting liquor, said second and third of said three rollers forming a wetting agent squeezer as a second squeezing gap, said draw-in unit thereby functioning as a wetting means and as a wetting agent squeezer, said rollers dam up a wetting agent supply in a nip above said first squeezing gap between said first and second rollers in the conveying direction of the yarn sheet, and said second roller dips into a second wetting agent supply, and the path of the yarn sheet after the first wetting agent supply leads through said first squeezing gap, then along the surface of said second roller through said second wetting agent supply and through said second squeezing gap, said second roller and said third roller of the draw-in unit are being arranged with their axes generally vertically above each other.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the yarn sheet is conveyed over a free segment from the surface of said third roller of the draw-in unit to the surface of a first roller of the sizing compartment, and the length of the free segment between the departure of the yarn sheet from said third roller of the draw-in unit and said first roller of the sizing compartment is minimized because of its compact structure.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 15, wherein said free segment is protected against heat loss by means of a cover.